CLAIMS:

1. A wireless communication device (20) for composing a message, said device (20) comprising:

a display screen (21); and

a virtual keypad (23) having a plurality of keys displayed on said display screen (21),

wherein said virtual keypad (23) includes a first key operable to display a first character associated with said first key within the message as displayed on said display screen (21) in response to an application of a first load level upon a localized area of said display screen (21) corresponding to said first key, and

wherein said first key is further operable to display a second character associated with said first key within the message as displayed on said display screen (21) in response to an application of a second load level upon the localized area of said display screen (21) corresponding to said first key.

- 2. The wireless communication device (20) of claim 1, wherein said first key is further operable to display a third character associated with said first key within the message as displayed on said display screen (21) in response to an application of a third load level upon the localized area of said display screen (21) corresponding to said first key.
- 3. The wireless communication device (20) of claim 2, wherein said first key is further operable to display a fourth character associated with said first key within the message as displayed on said display screen (21) in response to an application of a fourth load level upon the localized area of said display screen (21) corresponding to said first key.
- 4. The wireless communication device (20) of claim 5, wherein said first key is further operable to display a fifth character associated with said first key within the message as displayed on said display screen (21) in response to an application of a fifth load level upon the localized area of said display screen (21) corresponding to said first key.

5. In a wireless communication device (20) including a display screen (21) and a virtual keypad (23) having a plurality of keys displayed on the display screen (21), a method of composing a message, said method comprising:

sensing and measuring an application of a load upon a localized area of the display screen (21) corresponding to a first key of the virtual keypad (23);

displaying a first character associated with the first key within the message as displayed on the display screen (21) in response to a measurement of the load equating a first load level; and

displaying a second character associated with the first key within the message as displayed on the display screen (21) in response to a measurement of the load equating a second load level.

6. The method of claim 5, further comprising:

displaying a third character associated with the first key within the message as displayed on the display screen (21) in response to a measurement of the load equating a third load level.

7. The method of claim 6, further comprising:

displaying a fourth character associated with the first key within the message as displayed on the display screen (21) in response to a measurement of the load equating a fourth load level.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

displaying a fifth character associated with the first key within the message as displayed on the display screen (21) in response to a measurement of the load equating a fifth load level.